

**PRELUDE**      *All Glory Be to God on High*, arr. Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)  
*O God, Thou Faithful God*, arr. Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

## **WELCOME and PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!*

The Peace of Christ be with you.... **And also with you.**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,  
the conviction of things not seen.

**We come convinced of many things but trusting very few.**

Holy God of limitless surprises, meet us here in this place  
**as we touch that which we cannot see that which we have not dared to hope.**

\***HYMN**      NCH 423 *Great Is Your Faithfulness*

**SCRIPTURE**      *Genesis 15:1-6, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

**MUSICAL REFLECTION**      *Our God Has Done Great Things for Us*, Barbara Hamm  
From: "Sing! Prayer and Praise" #214; Abington Press / Pilgrim Press

**SERMON**      *Luke 12:32-40*

## **SILENT REFLECTION**

## **SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**We pray for health and strength for** Pasha Buck, Molly Campe, George Drake, Betty Anne Francis, John Saxton, Edd Scheer, Amy Schirm, and Gayle Strickler.

**We pray for comfort and peace for** Nancy Wolff's family and friends. Nancy died on August 1, 2022. Condolences to the family can be mailed to: Kevin Wolff, 712 Lakeshore Drive, Cedar Falls, IA 50613.

**We pray for comfort and peace for** Gene McCaw's Family. Gene died on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Condolences to the family can be mailed to: Guy McCaw, 15216 Sundown Ridge Court, Dubuque, IA 52002. **A memorial service will be held here on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.**

**We pray for comfort and peace for** Jean Libbey's family and friends. Jean died on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

## **GRATITUDE FOR OFFERING / DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We hear the call to trust in God always,**

**But honestly, some days our stresses and doubts  
are even more real to us than God, and trust is elusive.**

**We remember how Abram dared to believe in God's promises,  
But belief like that is hard to come by.**

**We are often inclined to think, "God helps those who help themselves,"  
instead of daring to rely on the word of our Creator.**

**When the world seems filled with dangers, we can be quick to protect ourselves,  
And we forget the wisdom of scripture,  
which reminds us that we find traces of evil both outside and inside of ourselves.**

**With God's help, we confront our fears and struggles,  
and we call upon a power greater than our own to resist their pull.**

**Hear us, Holy One, as we confess our frailty and failings.**

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Though fear should beset us;  
though danger cause us to close up our doors;  
though troubles assail and lead us away from the ways of grace;  
only one thing is necessary:  
just turn back to God's promise of grace.  
Remember that God is reaching out with loving arms,  
and let yourself be held.

Only ask for forgiveness,  
and it is ours:  
know that in this moment  
we have asked and in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS**

We give you thanks, gracious God, that on the night of his arrest, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying "Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Sojourners on the Way of Jesus Christ, take this bread and eat, it is nourishment for the pilgrim journey ahead.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This is the cup of the new covenant, my life poured out for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Partners in the ministry of Jesus Christ, take this cup and drink, it is the grace of God poured to overflowing for us.

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**We give thanks, gracious God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith; increase our love for one another; and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** PH 283 *Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken*

## **BENEDICTION**

Happy are they who know where the real treasure is to be found.  
Happy are they who take from the treasure and share it.

Friends of God, prepare to leave this church with spirits lighter than when you came in;  
Trusting Christ to take an intimate interest  
in the costly investment that has been made in you.

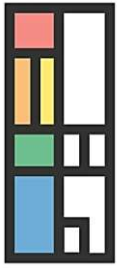
Invest in others as God's love has invested in you;  
Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

And leave knowing the blessing of the eternal God is upon you:  
redeeming grace, enfolding love, enduring fellowship. Now and forever. Amen!

**POSTLUDE** *Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light*, J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

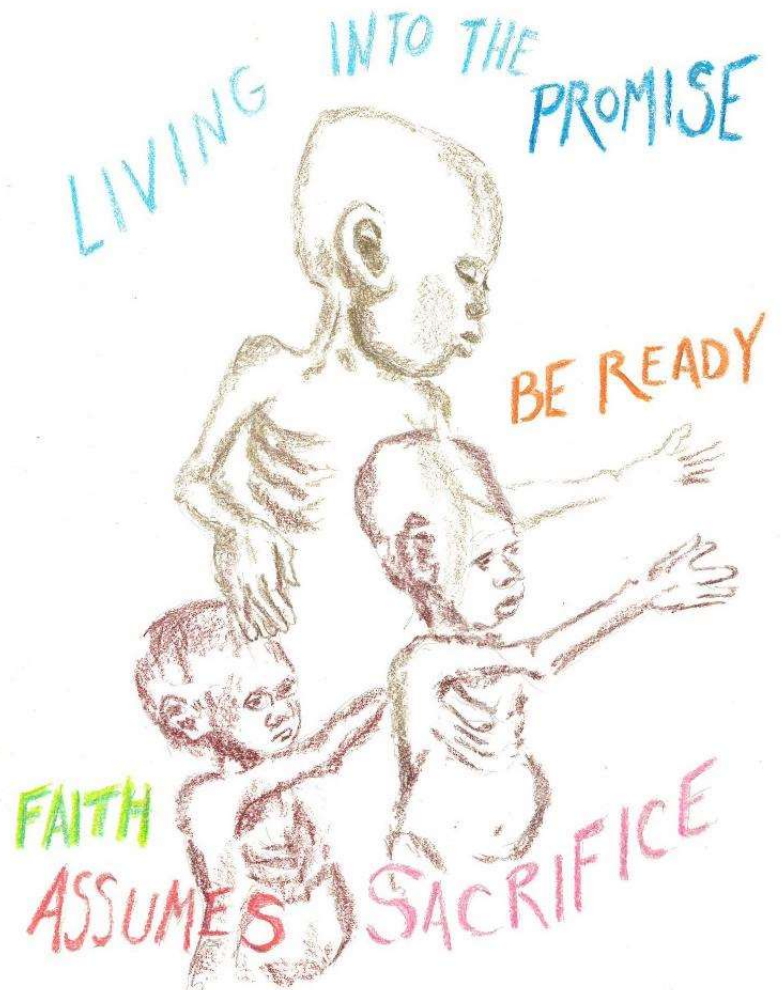
### **Worship Resources:**

Call to Worship ~ written by Katherine Hawker. Posted on Liturgies Outside. <http://liturgyoutside.net/>  
Confession and Assurance~ posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways Archive. <http://www.ucc.org/>  
~ written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer's Home Page.  
<http://www.bruceprewer.com/DocC/C47sun18.htm>



**GRINNELL**

*United Church of Christ  
Congregational*



**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 7, 2022  
*To Grow in Love of God and Neighbor***

Worship Participants

Pastor	Rev. Jessica Margrave Schirm
Liturgist	JoAnn Britton
Musicians	Treble Vocal Ensemble
Organist	Kenneth Davis
Artist	Edd Scheer
Worship Hosts	JoAnn Britton, Nancy Brown, Jeananne Schild
Tech Team	Barbara and John Ashby, Dave Eberbach, Josh Sandquist
Sunday Drivers	Rick Ramsey, George Britton, Denny Conway, Shane Estes, John Noer
Chancel Care	Sarah White, Glenyce Conway, Karen Edwards, Sue Ramsey, Oliva Wright

Hymn lyrics:

**\*HYMN** NCH 423 *Great Is Your Faithfulness*

Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator, with you no shadows of turning we see.  
You do not change, your compassions they fail not; all of your goodness forever will be.

REFRAIN:

Great is your faithfulness! (repeat) Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed your hand has provided, Great is your faithfulness, God unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness to your great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (REFRAIN)

Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring, your own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine with ten thousand  
beside. (REFRAIN)

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923 / Music: William M. Runyan, 1923

**MUSICAL REFLECTION** *Our God Has Done Great Things for Us*, Barbara Hamm  
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REFRAIN:

Our God has done great things for us, filling our mouths with laughter.  
Our God has done great things for us; let us shout for joy!

Those who have gone forth weeping, sowing their seeds with tears,  
shall come again rejoicing bringing sheaves of grain. (REFRAIN)

Those who were taken captive now have returned with joy;  
they have come back rejoicing saying, "We are glad." (REFRAIN)

Sorrow that once consumed us now has released its hold;  
mourning has turned to dancing and our grief to joy. (REFRAIN)

**\*HYMN** PH 283 *Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken*

Bread of the world, in mercy broken, Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,  
By whom the words of life were spoken, And in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken, Look on the tears by sinners shed,  
And be thy feast to us the token That by your grace our lives are fed.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826) / Music: J.S.B. Hodges (1830-1915)